

Subject: Death of Dr. Titchener

Romig, Florence E.

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[Philadelphia, PA]

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August 6, 1927

My dear Miss Romig;

I suppose you have already heard of the sudden death of our mutual friend Dr. Titchener. I think he died last Wednesday. All I have learned is what I saw in the papers. His passing away must have been very sudden. I know that we will miss him.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours

Curator.

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Reading, Pa.,  
August 10, 1927.

My dear Mr. Wood,

I am grieved beyond measure by the loss of Dr. Titchener. Your letter was the first notice I had of his death; I had been motoring through the Poconos and found your letter when I passed through Philadelphia on my way home to Ephrata. It was indeed a very kind thought that prompted you to write to me and I am very grateful. We surely will miss him.

Thanking you for your kindness,  
I am

Very truly yours,

Florence E. Romig

P.S. If you have the newspaper clippings I should be very glad to read and return them.

August 11, 1927

Miss Florence Romig,  
1427 Fishers Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Romig:

I was away when the news of Dr. Titchener's death came out in the papers, so did not see a clipping. I am, however, sending you one from the Society's files, the only one we have. Therefore, you will see that we will want it back.

I was going up to visit the Doctor this summer and was making plans to be in quite active correspondence with him this winter. I certainly will miss his knowledge and enthusiasm.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB  
Encl.



Ephrata, Pa.,

August 15, 1927.

My dear Mr. Wood,

Even the newspaper clipping doesn't make it real; I think I believed that seeing it in print would convince me that Dr. T. is no more. But it does not seem possible that any one so alive should so suddenly be cut off. I idolized him — and idols are not mortal.

I am sorry you did not have your visit. The memory of my Memorial Day one is very precious. In his last letter he told me I must begin to learn German at once. Without his encouragement, however, I fear I shall fall by the wayside.

Thank you very much indeed for the clipping, which I return herewith.

Very truly yours,

Florence E. Romig

1427 Fishers Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

August 23, 1927

My dear Mr. Wood:

You probably have yourself heard from Ithaca; but at any rate I thought you might like to see this letter from Dr. Feldman, who used to carry the letters over to Dr. Titchener when I was his stenographer. Kreezer is his successor as Osea is mine. Since I know that the disease was incurable I am more reconciled to his death.

Very truly yours,

*Florence E. Romig*



August 24, 1927

Miss Florence E. Romig,  
1427 Fishers Ave.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Romig:

I wish to thank you for the return of the newspaper clipping, which I think I did not acknowledge. I am very glad that you sent that letter from Feldman. It brings me into closer touch with Titchener's last days. I have been in correspondence with Boring at Cambridge, and you may know, is writing up his biography. In fact, I think I told you this before. Boring has been laying stress on the fact that for the past ten years Titchener had been laying off somewhat on psychology and had taken up numismatics more to the exclusion of other things than I had realized. You probably had appreciated this. My own idea was that like a great many other people, he had gotten somewhat fed up on psychology and was working his energies off on something else; that he would have returned after a while with more zest to psychology.

I have just been looking through Titchener's last letters, which extended up to July 1st. They all seem just as keen as ever and show no sign of his breaking down. However, I had not been satisfied with his health for some time. He seemed to catch cold and get knocked out quite easily.

I am returning Feldman's letter and thank you very much for sending it on. If you get any more such interesting letters, I would appreciate seeing them.

Very truly yours,

HW:MB  
Encl.



October 17, 1927

Miss Florence Romig,  
1427 Fishers Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Romig:

Professor Boring of Harvard has just sent me an excerpt from the "American Journal of Psychology," giving his obituary of Dr. Titchener. If you have not seen it, I will mail my copy to you. I should judge it was a well thought out account up to the time that Boring left Cornell. Outside of myself, he apparently did not call on anyone to speak of besides Dollenbach - apparently very little on him. It struck me there might be a little jealousy.

Very truly yours,

HW:MB



October 22, 1927

Miss Florence M. Romig,  
1427 Fishers Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Romig:

The Titchener account is in the October 1927 "American Journal of Psychology," page 489.

If you want to purchase coins now and then, I think the best places would be Henry Chapman, 333 South 16th Street, John B. Boss, 1127 Spruce Street, and William Rabin, 906 Filbert Street. The latter two may not have much of anything in Greek coins. Henry Chapman has, however. He also has a brother S. Hudson Chapman, 1128 Spruce St., who deals in high priced Greek coins.

I think Mrs. Titchener will sell the coins at auction through Mr. Elder here in New York. I have been taking this matter up with her and Elder seems to be the best solution.

Very truly yours,

HW:MB

1427 Fishers Avenue  
October 21, 1927.

My dear Mr. Wood:

It was very pleasant to hear from you again. Is the article in the Amer. Journal of Psych. the whole Life that Professor Boring was writing, or only a part of it? I have access to that Journal at the University Library here; it has been so cold and raining all week, however, that I



perfect - but they ought to  
be saved.

Can you tell me where  
I might purchase coins  
to add to my collection?  
I never bought any except  
through Dr. Fitchener. I'm a  
very small customer, but  
if I knew some dealer in  
Phila. I surely should like  
to get some more Greek silver.

It's queer that Professor  
Boring consulted no others,  
especially since Dr. Wallenbach  
was not particularly friendly

did not venture out. But I shan't trouble you for your copy since I can get it here, and I thank you all the same. If you hadn't told me I might never have found it.

Mrs. Fitchener wrote to me last week asking about Dr. T.'s lectures. I took most of them in short hand, while I was taking the course, and she thinks of publishing them. Unfortunately they are incomplete and im-



toward Dr. T. - at least not  
since my time.

What is going to happen  
to Dr. Titchener's collection of  
coins?

Very truly yours,

Florence E. Romig